Security Measures adopted by Government in and around Hazratbal Shrine

1740. SHRI SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present prevailing state of affairs in and around Hazratbal Shrine and security measures adopted by Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government machinery has been failing to tackle rising number of militants; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Since the surrender of the militants holed up inside the Hazratbal Shrine on 15/16.11.93, the situation in and around the Shrine has remained by and large peaceful. After the vacation of the Shrine by the militants and others holed up inside, the Army cordon around the Shrine was completely lifted by 17/18.11.93. Instead, the J&K Police has been deployed inside the complex and security force pickets have been established in the area to ensure the security of the Shrine and prevent recurrence of militant and criminal activities there.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Fencing of Meghalaya-Bangladesh Border

1741. SHRI G.G. SWELL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the length of the Meghalaya-Bangladesh border that is going to be fenced;

(b) the amount earmarked for the purpose;

(c) the distance of the fence from the zero point international boundary;

(d) the acreage of people's lands that will thus be alienated;

(e) whether compensation will be paid to the people for their losses;

(f) the amount of compensation envisaged;

(g) whether consent of the Government of Meghalaya has been obtained for commencement of fencing; and

(h) the probable period for the commencement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) 231 Kms.

(b) Rs. 41.18 crores.

(c) Fence has to be erected at a minimum distance of 150 yards away from the zero point.

(d) Approximately 285.40 acres are likely to be fenced-out; but they will continue to be a part of India in all respects.

(e) Compensation is being paid for acquisition of land in accordance with the assessment done by District authorities.

(f) Rs. 93.90 lakhs (approximately).

(g) Yes, Sir.

(h) The work is already in progress since October/November, 1991.

Myanmar Governments observations regarding Naga-Kuki clashes

1742. SHRI G.G. SWELL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the press reports that the President of the Kuki National Organisation, Hanglen, a Myanamarese national said at Moreh, Manipur that the aim of his organisation was to have the Chin Hills of Myanmar in habited by Kukis is secede from Myanmar;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the press reports that the President of the all Naga Student's Association of Manipur had accused Indian security forces of aiding and abetting the Kukis in their factional war with the Nagas;

(c) whether as a result the Government of Myanmar is unhappy with India and has turned friendly the Nagas and this has united and inspired the different Naga factions; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Nagas have been able to reach their cause to the corridors of the UN through the Unrepresented National and people's Organisation based in the Hague?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Government are aware of some press reports in this regard.

(b) Government are aware of such allegations.

(c) Government are not aware of this.

(d) The National Socialist Council of Nagaland has obtained membership of the Unrepresented Nations Peoples Organisations.

Bangladesh is in Nijamuddin Area

1743. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the news-item published in the Nav Bharat Times of 31.6.1993 under the caption "Bangladeshio ke karan Nizamuddin Basti ka janjivan ashant" and if so what is the number of Bangladeshis equatting in the Nizamuddin area and since when they are living in that area; and

(b) what steps have been taken for their repatriation and with what success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir. A number of Bangladeshis are reported to have squatted in the Nizamuddin area. However, the exact number of such squatters can not be given in this absence of a census/survey.

(b) Whenever an illegal migrants is identified action is taken against him under the Foreigners' Act 1946. The Delhi Police has reported that during the year 1993 (upto 30.11.1993), 220 Bangladeshi illegal migrants were detected in the area of the Hazrat Nizamuddin Police Station and deported to Bangladesh.

Foreigners in Assam

1744. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Assam Chief Minister has recently claimed that there are no foreigners residing in the State;

(b) whether the statement has caused confusion during the revision of electoral rolls in the State; and

(c) what is the exact number of foreigners identified in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) As per information received from the Government of Assam upto September, 1993 as many as 17,921 persons have been detected to be foreigners under the provisions of Foreigners' Act; 1946 and Foreigners (Tribunal) Order, 1964 and 8,811 persons have been declared as Illegal Migrants under the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983.